

forbearance and moderation; under the influence of these sentiments your committee recommend that the "door of explanation" which Virginia seems to consider closed upon her by the resolutions of the last session of the Legislature, be opened wide, by their unconditional repeal and the continuance of all proceedings under them—and in order to avoid all further delay in the settlement of this long agitated question, your committee further recommend that a special agent be forthwith despatched to communicate to the government of Virginia this intelligence, and with power to negotiate and arrange an equitable and amicable mode of settlement on the basis of the Resolutions of the General Assembly of Maryland, passed at December session 1831, and for these purposes your committee have prepared and herewith report to the House, sundry resolutions.

All which is respectfully submitted,

Wm. D. MERRICK, Chairman.

Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland, that resolutions No. 80, passed at December Session, 1833, in relation to the Southern and Western boundaries of this state, and the controversy on that subject with the state of Virginia, be and the same are hereby repealed, and the Attorney General of this State, is hereby directed to discontinue all proceedings under the same.

Resolved, that the Governor and Council be and they are hereby authorised and requested to select and appoint a discreet and competent person as the special agent of the state, whose duty it shall be to proceed to the City of Richmond without unnecessary delay and communicate to the Government of Virginia, the course now proposed to be pursued by the State of Maryland for the speedy and final adjustment of this long pending question.

Resolved further, that said agent be directed to propose to the Government of Virginia, the mode and manner heretofore to wit;—at December session 1831 by resolution No. adopted, and proposed by the State of Maryland, for the settlement of this question, and to learn from Virginia what explanations they are disposed to give of the act of her Legislature of the 5th, of March 1833, and whether she will now so modify said act as to render it conformable to the aforesaid propositions of Maryland; and in the event of Virginia, not being willing so to modify said enactment, to learn and forthwith communicate to this Legislature what other mode of adjustment she may propose.